# HAD EVERY PERSON IN D. C. OVER TWELVE COMPOSED AN ARMY RESISTING RUSSIANS, THEY WOULD BE DEAD, WOUNDED OR CAPTURED

Significance of Recent Teutonic Casualties on Eastern Front Is Emphasized.

SUCCESS OF THE SLAVS IS GREATEST IN HISTORY

Precipitate Retreat of Austrians Continues in Some Sections. Firm Resistance at Others.

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Sweeping forward with the speed of a prairie fire whipped and fanned by a ghty gale, the great Russian armies are continuing their almost dazzling successes against the fleeing Austrian in Bukowina, Volhynia and Galicia. The Teutonic retreat is precipitate-the hastiest of the war-and as in the case of all such actions by large mobile forces, Slavic captures have been huge. Already the Austrian and German casualties in the fighting which is going on over a front of 700 miles from Riga southward to points mediately below Czernowitz, the capital of Bukowina, are said to be 300,000, it being officially reported from Petrograd that nearly 170,000 of these are in the form of captures, great droves of Austrian and German prisoners moving to the concentration camps to the rear of the advancing Russian lines

These figures are staggering in their proportions. Their visualization is almost impossible—almost beyond belief when it is considered that these casualties have been inflicted during a period of fourteen days of Russian effort.

Hind every man, woman and child in the District of Columbia above the age of twelve years been drilled up to the highest efficiency and scanoned to the rigors of long warfare as are the Aus-trian armies; had they been equipped with masses of heavy guns the like of which never has been dreamed of for the defense of the National Capital; were they to have had countless ma-chine gun detachments, cavalry forces as efficient as any in the world; had they fortified themselves in lines and lines of concrete trenches; had they un-told quantities of munitions and every other feature necessary to military the Russian armies in their present sen-sational drive, these people of the Dis-trict of Columbia today would either be lying dead in countiess thousands, would be groaning on battlefields, mainted or mortally wounded, or would be held prisoner by the enemy, their usefulness in the conflict at an end— all wrought in a period of fourteen days.

Thus in a small way may come reali-ition of the frightful Austrian losses and the effectiveness of Russian effort.

The drive of the Slav hosts under the nediate direction of Gens. Brusiloff

sible military success has been achieved.

The Russians daily are menacing to a greater extent the Austrian armies operating along the southern end of the castern front. Their drive in the directions of Kovel, from two different directions, forces a wedge between the Austrian and German lines which brings fimmediate danger to the Austrian immediate danger to the Austrian army's fiank. This operation, primarily, was intended not only to separate the Teutonic allies, but bring about the fall of Kovel, which, being a center of immediate danger to the Austrian army's flank. This operation, primarily, was intended not only to separate the Teutonic allies, but bring about the fall of Kovel, which, being a center of communication along practically the whole Teutonic eastern front, is of vital character to successful Teutonic operations in the immediate future.

Another great wedge has been driven into the enemy lines by the Russians farther south Austrians Routed

in Bukowina Region. where they have occupied Czernowitz, the capital of Bukowina. The drive in this direction has been of determined character, and the Austrians have been practically

In the region of Buczacz, Kozlov, Tarmopol and near Vorobievka the Ausians, after the first surprise advance of the Russians, have recovered and are

ight on the scope of their operations. It says:

The Russians have been driven back sevice and a single sector on the season of the consist of the resist of enemy armies, which now are said to consist of both Germans and Austrians, but, in the main, the Russians have been able to register considerable advance in these sections. The fighting, even Petrograd admits, has been of feroclous character, going on night and day. The immediate purpose of the Austrians and Germans is said to be the frustration of the carridges, 200 boxes of manufaction, which would almost bring. Lemberg into their possession. That the Teutons apparently are not optimistic as to the future of Lemberg findicated by reports that already the civil population is evacuating the city. There have been many reports during the week as to just what assistance the Germans are rendering to their be expected. Field Marshal von Hinderberg has brought stiff pressure against the Russian line in the region of Barranovichi, Jacobstadt and Kochary, in the Riga and Dvinsks secking, in an attempt to trick the enemy into belleving a determine offensive was under way. Successes have been registered at these points, Berlin claims, otherwise the Russian line in the region of Barranovichi, Jacobstadt and Kochary, in the Riga and Dvinsks secking, in the Riga and Dvinsk secking in an attempt to trick the enemy into believing a determine offensive was under way. Successes have been registered at these points, Berlin claims, behavior of the resistant of the region of the resistant of the region of the resistant army.

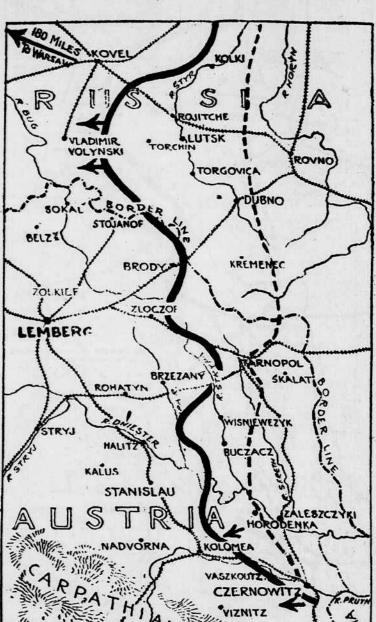
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Will the Germans forsake their effort at Verdun and admit their fallur-to take this great stronghold, just for Outside of the most meager details the purpose of rendering the Austrian



- SCALE - OF MILES FORMER RUSSIAN LINE

May showing present battle line on southern end of eastern front, and extent of Russian gains.

BATTLE LINE -

oncerning the actual operations, the geographical and military status of the fighting in East.

Fighting in East.

This is the question of the hour in entente countries, for it is believed that inasmuch as the Teutonic lines along the eastern front are almost threadbare only such action as has been stated will enable the forces of the kaiser and will enable the forces of the Russian than the Russian than the process of the process of the Russian than the process of the process

tle has been heard of the actual fighting and the intensity with which it has been waged, consequently the story tide.

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Francis Joseph to stem the Russian mmediate direction of Gens. Bruslioff and LetchitDrive Most Striking sky continues in Military History. Striking in Military History. Striking in Builitary history. Striking in The Russians have achieved in Barge measure what they originally set out to achieve—the lessening of Austrian trenches were lessening of Teutonic effort on the Western front, even though the battle of Nerdun still continues. But while these two immediate purposes have been brought to pass, the Russians bid fair to strike at the very vitals of Austria hard to strike at the very vitals of Austria hard to strike at the very vitals of Austria hard to strike at the very vitals of Austria hard for bayonet the Austrians gave been beaught to pass, the Russians bid fair to strike at the very vitals of Austria hard for bayonet the Austrians gave been brought to pass, the Russians bid fair to strike at the very vitals of Austria hard fungary, there being every evidence that the present drive in Bukowina and Galicia, as well as Volhynia. Will be continued until the fullest possible military success has been brought to pass, the Russians daily are menacing to a greater extent the Austrian armies exceed the Austrian armies exceed the Austrian armies exceed the Austrians gave to the very vitals of Austria hard fungary, there being every evidence that the present drive in Bukowina and Galicia, as well as Volhynia. Will be continued until the fullest possible military success has been brought to pass, the Russians daily are menacing to a greater extent the Austrian armies extend the Austrian treating t

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continuous stream of prisoners day at continuous stream of prisoners day and night toward the Russian rear. Among the prisoners were many Germ am-speaking officers and a thousand of German soldiers who had been incorporated in the Austrian regiments."

While it is true the Austrians have lost countless thousands of men, probably the greatest blow has been the complete demoralization of Austrian and German plans for future offensive efforts on the eastern front. The speed with which the Russians struck the Teutonic allies and the effectiveness of their effort have worked havoc all along the eastern front. Even though the Germans and Austrians eventually are able to halt the present Slav offensive effort, they hardly will be in position to assume an offensive of the character made possible by extensive preparations along during the months of winter idle ness. The fruit of these preparations has been picked by the Russians them selves, for the captures in booty have been enormous. One except from a Russian official statement during the past week sheds further interesting light on the scope of their operations. It says:

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GEN. VON HINDENBURG, Who is expected to make some effort in the Riga and Dvinsk districts to off-Germans and Austrians to the south-

Co-Ordinated Offensive in All Arenas of War Again Hope of Allies.

GERMANS STILL ATTACK WITH FURY AT VERDUN

British and Belgians Are Winning an Empire in South Africa. Italians Register Gains.

the Germans being the aggressors in the main. The Teutonic effort has been directed chiefly at the French positions in the region of Thiaumont, Fort Vaux and Fort Siouville, the latter point being declared one of the chief keys to the inner defenses of Verdun. An entire division of Germans is reported to have been used up in terrific attacks in the vicinity of Thiaumont early in the week, twelve attacks being made with the gain of a few yards of front line French trenches. The battle then died down owing to the sheer exhaustion of both French and Germans, but heavy bombardment at this point on Thursday was followed up late in the day and early Friday morning with powerful German attacks. Paris declares that these all were frustrated. Berlin reports the repulse of two determined French counter attacks at this point. West of the Meuse, in the region of Dead Man hill, which for weeks has been a storm center, the French were by concerted and determined effort able to wrest a trench from the Germans. Subsequent counter attacks are said to have failed. French attacks mans. Subsequent counter attacks are said to have failed. French attacks later in the week at this point are de-clared by Berlin to have been entirely

fruitless.

It is very evident that the Germans have decided to make their most determined effort in the Vaux-Douaumont-Thiaumont region, it being admittedly the best point from which to drive toward the derenses of Verdun, though simultaneous effort on the part of Teutonic troops to the west of the Meuse is declared essential to any such success.

Not only have the Italians held the Austrians in check during the past ten days, but they Italians Hold Foe are registerand Register Success. gains over practically the whole of the Tyrolean

front, according to official advices. The

Italians have made much progress along the Posina-Astico line and in the Arse Chief military efforts of the week took place in the vicinity of Monte Lemerle, where the Austrians have been endeavoring to wrest this important position from the enemy. Attack after attack has proved fruitless, the most recent success of the Italian most recent success of the Italian forces being reported highly successful. The Austrians, delivering successive attacks, were hurled back, according to Rome, leaving piles of dead before Italian positions.

While not striking in character, the military operations in German East Africa and in the regions of Asiatic Turkey nevertheless have been important.

But little attention has been directed toward German South Africa.

vance in the direction of Bagdad have been forced to fight several stiff engagements, while advances toward Erzingan, Baiburt and other important points to the west of Erzerum have been brought to a temporary halt. It is significant that the Russians are claiming no great success in the Armenian regions at the present time.

### WESTERN ARENA.

Chronological Events. SUNDAY.

German detachments attack French

positions in forest of Apremont, but Teutons shell British positions heav Actions about Verdun confined to ar tillery duels.

MONDAY. All-day German attacks on French positions near Thiaumont farm re-ported repulsed. Heavy bombardment on whole Verdun front.
Artillery and mining activities along British front, minor successes bein claimed by both sides.

TUESDAY. Canadians regain positions over 1,500-yard front southeast of Zillebeke Counter attacks frustrated. Germans claim to have advanced lines on both sides of ridge southwes of Fort Douaumont.

WEDNESDAY. Germans continue heavy bombard-ment of French positions north of Sou-ville, regarded the key to the inner de-fenses of Verdun. Infantry actions along Verdun front still delayed. Violent artillery actions prevail over practically whole western front.

THURSDAY. French occupy enemy trenches on outhern slopes of Dead Man. Several Jerman counter attacks repulsed.

Powerful German attacks on French
positions north of This work. obsitions north of Thiaumont reported to have failed.

Curtain of fire prevents German attacks on French south of Caillett

FRIDAY. French report repulse of German grenade attacks at Hill 304 and in the

NEAR EAST AND AFRICA.

Chronological Events. SUNDAY.

Russians report repulse of repeated furkish attacks in the Platana region. Turks lose first line trenches in direcion of Gumeshan. Diarbehr.

Turks claim to have entered Kasr-i-Shirin after defeating Russians in bat-tle at Khanikin. Turkish aeros attack British camp or Suez canal near Reman and Kantara. MONDAY.

British forces enter Karman, prin-ipal town in southeastern Persia. TUESDAY. British forces reach Makuyuni, in

German East Africa. Occupation of Wilhelmsthal reported. British claim capture of German is-lands of Ukerewe, in Africa.

WEDNESDAY. Constantinople reports repulse of ritish near Felahia. Annihilation of British detachment in Euphrates section reported.
Turk offensive near Sepoul is reported repulsed by Russians.

THURSDAY. Turks report continued withdrawal of British in Felahia region. Numerous attempts of Turks to take offensive in Black sea coastal region.

FRIDAY. British report gains along the Tigris

**AUSTRO-ITALIAN ARENA.** 

Chronological Events. SUNDAY.

Austrian attack on Monte Semirle repulsed with heavy losses.
Italians claim progress between Adige river and Brenta.

Italians claim continued advance in Arsa valley. Austrian attacks in direction of Forni reported repulsed.
Italians advance in Lugana valley toward Maso torrent, repelling counter Austrian fliers shell Vicenza military hospital, Thiene, Venice and Mestre.

MONDAY.

TUESDAY. Italians balk attempts of Austrians to recapture positions occupied north of Podestagno.
Italians make gains in upper Fella and Seebach valleys.

General quiet prevails on the Isons

Austrians reported to have been com

pelled to evacuate between thirty-five and forty-five miles of Austrian territory.
Austrian attacks on line of the Posina are reported repulsed.
Italians check attempts of Austrians to recapture positions north of Podes-

THURSDAY. Rome reports repulse of two Austrian attacks in region of Novegno.
Italians penetrate Austrian positions east of Monfalcone.
Italian fliers bomb Mattarello station

and Asiago plateau encampments. Austrians shell Padova, Giorgio di Nogaro and Porto Rosega. Italians repulse tremendous Austrian attacks on Asiago plateau.

Austrians reported to be withdrawing orces from Italian front for the east Italians continue to register gains in

## EASTERN ARENA.

Chronological Events. SUNDAY.

Russians report capture of 108,00 Austrians in week's offensive. Russians capture Dubno.

Austrians at Mylnoff surrender Germans penetrate Russ position south of Krevo, but later leave it. Russ capture enemy battery nea Ossovitzia.

Russ capture enemy position south of Obronovtze.
Furious Austrian counter attacks
ast of Kolki repulsed. Russians draw near Czernowitz, capital of Bukowina.

MONDAY. Rumor of Czeinowitz's capture by the

Russians is heard in London.
Russians capture Debronovtze.
Total Russ' captures placed at 114,000.
Austriane rapidly retreat on Ikwa front, south of Lutsk.
Austrian attacks in region of Gliadwki reported repulsed.
Germans attack Russians north of Tirul marsh on Riga front, but are reported repulsed.
Germans ciaim repulse for Russians northeast of Buczacz.
Russians check Germans along Jacobstadt front.



RECRUITING EXHIBIT OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.



Officers and men of the batteries of field artillery wil participate in the Independence day exercises at the reservoir. There will be a battery drill and exhibitions of horsemanship, including a Roman race.

A company of the 3d Infantry will give an exhibition of wall scaling, when the latter will mount a high wall and fire blank cartridges at an imaginary enemy, suported by field artillery simulating battle fire.

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"There also is a naval battalion in the National Guard, which has for training purposes the U. S. S. Sylvia. This organization makes week-end cruises on the Potomac, and in summer engages in battle practice as a part of the North Atlantic fieet.

"The coast artillery offers a wonderful opportunity to men who have a mechanical turn of mind. A person who visits this exhibit must be impressed with the idea that there is offered much of very great interest in the present-day military service and they must realize that a man cannot learn to use these instruments of warfare without training and familiarity with them.

"Goen Many Look the exhibit over," Gen. Harvey urged, "and if you are an able-bodied, clean-cut young fellow who wants to serve his country, talk to some of the men on duty there with to some of the men on duty there with make good, enlist. Actions speak louder than words. The men who have entire the many contained to the men of the men of the men who have entire than words. The men who have entired to return about 8 o'clock tonight.

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